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SUBJECT: INDO-US SCHOLARS SUMMIT

SUMMARY: THE INDO-AMERICAN SCHOLARS SUMMIT HELD JANUARY 7 TO 10 PRODUCED A DOCUMENT REDOLENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. WHILE THIS QUALITY WAS PRESENT IN CONFERENCE, AND WHILE EVENT WARRANTS SOME OPTIMISM, FACT REMAINS THAT INDIANS USED CONFERENCE IN LARGE PART TO DEFINE AND LIMIT AREAS OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION, WHILE AMERICAN DELEGATION SOUGHT MAXIMUM DEGREE OF FREEDOM. INDIAN DELEGATION TIGHTLY CONTROLLED BY GOVERNMENT, WHILE AMERICAN DELEGATION AGGRESSIVELY INDEPENDENT. END SUMMARY.

1. JUST BEFORE IT ADJOURNED ON JANUARY 10 THE INDO-AMERICAN SCHOLARS CONFERENCE APPROVED AN ELEVEN PAGE JOINT STATEMENT WHICH (A) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH PROJECTS OF A COLLABORATIVE SORT IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, (B) LISTED NUMEROUS AREAS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES, NATURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY WHERE COLLABORATIVE WORK MIGHT BE PURSUED TO ADVANTAGE, (C) URGED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OVERALL ADVISORY GROUP OF SCHOLARS IN EACH COUNTRY TO PROVIDE FOR FURTHER COMMUNICATION, (D) URGED THAT SMALL GROUPS OF EXPERTS ON VARIOUS PRIORITY TOPICS MEET SOON TO PURSUE FURTHER THE DISCUSSIONS INITIATED AT THE CONFERENCE, (E) ENDORSED THE PRINCIPLE THAT EXCHANGE DOCTORAL SCHOLARS SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE HOST COUNTRY, (F)

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EXCHANGE RESEARCHERS SHOULD BE DEPOSITED IN AN APPROPRIATE AGENCY IN THE HOST COUNTRY, (G) ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF COST-SHARING IN THE EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS, AND (H) HOPED THAT AS PROGRAMS DEVELOP ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. (COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE BEING ARIPOUCHED.)

2. THE ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE WAS FRIENDLY. INDIAN MEMBERS\*WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO ATTEND THE VARIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS, AND SOME OF THEM ENTERTAINED MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION IN THEIR HOMES. HOWEVER, THE MEETINGS WERE MARKED BY EVENTS, SOME SYMBOLIC, SOME SUBSTANTIVE WHICH INDICATE THAT THE DIFFERENCE IN ATTITUDE BETWEEN TWO DELEGATIONS WAS WIDER THAN JOINT STATEMENT SUGGESTS. THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HAD ARRANGED TO SEAT INDIAN AND AMERICAN DELEGATES ALTERNATIVELY. INDIAN DELEGATION INSISTED ON BEING SEATED TOGETHER AT A TABLE OPPOSITE THE ONE ASSIGNED TO THE AMERICANS. INDIANS SEEMED TO BE USING MEETING TO DEFINE AND DELIMIT AREAS OF FUTURE INTERACTION. KEYNOTE TO THIS WAS SET BY NURUL HASAN, MINISTER OF EDUCATION, IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE INAUGURAL SESSION WHEN HE SUGGESTED THAT AMERICANS SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT DOCTORAL RESEARCH BY INDIANS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES BE IN SUBJECTS RELEVANT TO INDIA'S NEEDS. HE HOPED THAT AMERICANS, AS WELL AS INDIANS COULD SET UP A MECHANISM TO "COORDINATE AND RECOMMEND THE EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS." (THE AMERICAN DELEGATES MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS NOT IN THE CARDS.) IN SUBJECT AREAS, ALSO, INDIANS INSISTED ON SOME TABOOS. FOR EXAMPLE, POPULATION STUDIES WERE OBJECTED TO NOT ONLY IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES,BUT ALSO IN THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES. BY CONTRAST THE AMERICAN CONTINGENT ARGUED STRONGLY FOR COMPLETE FREEDOM OF ACADEMIC EXCHANGE. THE INDIAN DELEGATION WAS CONTROLLED, INCREASINGLY TIGHTLY, AS THE HOURS PASSED, BY G. PARTHASARATHY, PRESENTLY VICE-CHANCELLOR OF NEHRU UNIVERSITY, ONE OF INDIA'S DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMATS, AND ONE OF MRS. GANDHI'S INTIMATE CIRCLE. SIGNIFICANTLY, MOST OF THE INDIAN DELEGATES WORK IN DELHI,MANY AT NEHRU UNIVERSITY.

3. IN SPITE OF THIS POLITICIZATION OF THE MEETING BY THE INDIAN DELEGATION, HOWEVER, THERE WERE ENOUGH CONSTRUCTIVE AGREEMENTS IN THE CONFERENCE TO MAKE US FEEL THAT IT HAS MOVED FORWARD THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING NEW RELATIONS. THERE ARE, IT SEEMS TO ME, A NUMBER OF THINGS WHICH CAN BE DONE SOON ON OUR SIDE

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TO FORWARD THE EFFORT, ALTHOUGH WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE INDIANS THAT THE INITIATIVE MUST COME FROM THEM. MOST OF OUR DELEGATION LEFT HERE IN A JUBILANT MOOD. WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD IT ANY OTHER WAY, BUT SUCH JUBILATION MUST BE GONED DOWN TO MATCH THE REALITIES, AS NO DOUBT IT WILL BE. IN THE MEANTIME I WILL HAVE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE UPON MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON.  
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